[Sri M. Seshachariar] [11th September 1958

The next point which I would like to refer to is ' seeds '. Seed farms are really very useful. I have seen one or two seed farms in my district and they are working well. The demonstrators are really taking a great deal of interest and the seed supplied is very good. We have been using these seeds. But they are a bit costly. It is about forty rupees per bag. I mean first sort paddy seeds. This is a bit high. That apart, a certain amount of propaganda is necessary. As it is, these seeds are now being used by big landlords and cultivators. Smaller landlords are not prepared to buy and use them. At any rate, that is my information. Propaganda is also necessary in respect of another matter. The Government have started a number of agricultural banks throughout the district. In our district, we have got 17 agricultural banks, having about 1,500 to 2,000 members in each. The arrangement is, the Central Co-operative Bank gives money to the agricultural bank and it gives, in its turn, loans to its members. This is done within two or three days of the application for loan. A portion of the amount applied for is given at once, even before scrutiny of the application, in order to enable the agriculturist to purchase seeds and other things. These are my suggestions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will continue the discussion on the 17th instant. The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

VI.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

*141. *Proceedings and connected papers of the Legislature Committee on Local Administration (Parts I to IV).*

*142. *Third Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Second Assembly).*

Bill passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council—

* *The Madras District Development Councils Bill*, 1958 (*L.A. Bill No.* 24 *of* 1958).



* Laid on the table of the House on 10th September 1958.